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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Enclosed is a clipping which may interest you --- if you have not yet seen it. It is from Izvestia and quotes one of your columns in the Washington Post.

The pertinent part, indicated in penciled brackets, begins as follows: "The scientific observer of the 'Washington Post' Lederberg writes of the possible breakup of NATO and other regional defense organizations' as a result of military use of atomic weapons".

Sincerely yours,

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Thank you very much!

Izvestia was perhaps more perceptive than some of my friends who misread my article as somehow advocating a tactical use of nuclear weapons!

John Lederberg
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